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AMERICAN NICKEL WORKS,

Camden, N. J. Dec 9 1886

Hon. Daniel N. Fox, Supt U S Mint

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My suggestion is this. Let me deliver to you from time to time parcels of 5 ct coin planchets and take from you at same times (not before) equal weights, less 2 p. c. wastage, of the old coin metal, receiving for this service the same compensation you are to pay for the conversion of your coin material — 25 cts per lb.

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